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## Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000.  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF } \$10,000,000.  
PROPRIETORS.....

Court of Directors:—  
O. J. HOLLIDAY, Esq., Chairman.  
J. S. MOSSE, Esq., Deputy Chairman.

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H. H. Joseph, Esq.,  
Hon. J. J. Kresick, D. R. SASOON, Esq.,  
Julius Krause, Esq., N. A. Siebs, Esq.,  
Hon. A. McConachie.

Chief Manager:—  
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.

Manager:—  
Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2  
per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months 4 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months 5 per cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 21, 1894. 332

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,500,000.  
Subscribed.....£1,120,000.  
Paid-up.....£ 662,500.

Bankers:—

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at  
the Rate of 2 % per Annum on the Daily  
Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 Months.....5 %  
For 6 Months.....4 %  
For 3 Months.....3 %

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, June 18, 1893. 228

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

Business of the above Bank is con-  
ducted by the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-  
TION. Rules may be obtained on ap-  
plication.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at  
3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors  
may transfer at their option, balance of  
\$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on  
FIXED DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per  
annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai  
Banking Corporation,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1893. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000.  
Subscribed Capital.....£ 600,000.

Head Office—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. GILLIES, Esq., H. STOLTZTROPH, Esq.,

CHAN KIN SHAN, CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq.

KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.,

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %.

Hongkong, October 23, 1894. 1714

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN,  
AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

Subscribed Capital.....£2,000,000.  
Capital called up.....£ 251,093,15.0.

Bankers:—

CAPITAL & COUNTY BANK, LIMITED.

Head Office:

8, PRINCES STREET, LONDON.

Branches:

BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI.

Agencies:

PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST  
Allowed on Current Accounts and Mixed  
Deposits can be ascertained on application.

Every description of Banking and Ex-  
change business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, November 6, 1894. 1849

## Business Notices.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL  
TRAMWAYS COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the  
Tenth Ordinary General MEETING  
of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above  
Company will be held at the REGISTERED  
OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's  
Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 27th  
day of December, at Noon, for the purpose  
of receiving the Report of the General  
Managers, and a Statement of Accounts  
for the year ending 30th November, 1894.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 29th  
Instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 15, 1894. 2042

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are Reminded that NO  
MINIMATIONS for the HONGKONG  
DERBY, to be run on WEDNESDAY, 20th  
February, CLOSE on SATURDAY NEXT,  
20th Instant.

HART BUCK,  
Acting Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, December 24, 1894. 2093

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICES of the BANK have This  
Day been REMOVED to the New  
PREMISES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central.

A. C. MARSHALL,  
Manager.

Hongkong, December 24, 1894. 2095

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP  
CERTIFICATE No. 932, issued 1st  
November, 1882, for TWO SHARES  
numbered 210/291 in the above Office,  
standing in the Name of Mr. LEE BIN TIN,  
of Hongkong, has been LOST, and should  
the same not be produced before the 4th  
Proximo, a NEW SCRIP CERTIFICATE  
will be ISSUED to the said Mr. LEE BIN  
TIN, and no transaction taking place under  
the said Scrip Certificate No. 932 will  
be recognized by the Office.

JARDINE, MATHEISON & CO.,  
General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, December 20, 1894. 2082

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the  
Articles of Association, the General  
Agents, with Approval of the Consulting  
Committee, will, on the 2nd JANUARY,  
1895, ISSUE INTEREST WARRANTS of  
\$5 per SHARE, PAYABLE at the HONG  
KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
the same being at the Rate of 10 PER  
CENT. per Annum on the Paid-up Capital  
of the Office for the year 1894.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st  
Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEISON & CO.,  
General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, December 15, 1894. 2044

WINDSOR HOTEL,

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, December 15, 1894. 2044

## Intimations.

**CHAN A-TONG,**  
COAL, COKE, AND COAL TAR  
MERCHANT.  
No. 5, ARSENAL STREET, EAST. [1709]

**CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,**  
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.  
**NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND**  
METEOROLOGICAL  
INSTRUMENTS.  
VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED  
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.  
BROWNE'S LIQUIDS AND OTHER COMPASSES.  
ADMIRALTY AND IMRAY CHARTS.  
NAUTICAL BOOKS.  
English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.  
Christofle & Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.  
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY.  
In Test VERNIER.  
DIA MONDS

**DIAMOND JEWELLERY.**  
A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON  
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

## INDIAN CONDIMENTS.

**THE BEST QUALITY!!**  
**THE BEST QUALITY!!**

**CHUTNIES.** Per dozen. Rs. As.

**SLICED.** Sweet Sliced, Lucknow  
Col. Skinner's Colours Club,  
Armenian, Major Gray's, United  
Service Club, Mixed, Mala, Cash-  
mere, Pindaree, Bengal Club, Col.  
Goad's, Cabool, Our Taste, in quart  
bottles ... ... ... ... 12 8

**JELLIES.** Guava, Saffron, Mango, Corunda, in  
bottles ... ... ... ... 12 8

**JAMS.** Pineapple, Tipparac, Mulberry, in  
bottles ... ... ... ... 12 8

**PRESERVES.** Spiced Mango, Pineapple, Emblic  
Myrobalan, Tamarind, Citrus,  
Mango, Koovera, Bael, Pulpit,  
Limes, Orange, in the box ... ... 12 8

**MARMALADES.** Citron, Mango, Bael, Orange, in  
bottles ... ... ... ... 12 8

**CHEESE.** Guava, Bael, 1lb tins, per doz 10/-  
2lb tin ... ... ... ... 16 0

**SYRUPS.** Lemon, Grange, Tamarind, Black-  
berry, Bael, Pineapple, Rose, Al-  
mond, Pomegranate, in quart  
bottles ... ... ... ... 12 8

**PICKLES.** Onion, Cabbage, Tomato, Mango,  
Lime, Bamboo, Red Cabbage,  
Sweet Mango, Mango, Mixed,  
Cauliflower, Sweet Cauliflower,  
bottles ... ... ... ... 12 8

**SAUCES.** Tapp, Tanatio, Mango, Tomato,  
Volcanic, in pint-bottles ... ... 10 0

**CURRY POWDER & PASTE.** Curry, Malabar, Madras, Mullig-  
atawny, in quart bottles ... ... 12 8

**LIME JUICE, &c.** Pure Non-alcoholic Lime Juice, in  
bottles ... ... ... ... 9 8

**Ground, Cayenne Pepper.** White  
Pepper, Black Pepper, 1lb bottles 12 8

**Nepal Pepper Ground, 4-pint but-**

**ter** ... ... ... ... 11 0

**INDIAN CURRIES.** In 1lb Hormetically sealed tins.  
Beef, Mutton, Pork, Fowl, Fish,  
Crab, &c., per tin 6Rs. 10As. 7 0

**TAMARIND FISH.** Tamarind Fish, Tamarind

Fish Roes, real delicacies, 30Rs. 22 0

Smoked Mango Fish with Roes, 50  
in a tin, 3Rs. 8As., 100 in a tin. 6 0

The above Stores supplied at dozen rates  
even if 1 dozen of each kind is ordered at a  
time. Liberal discount to Clubs, Messas  
and the trade. Ones for 1 dozen 8 Annas  
extra, for 2 dozen 16 extra.

**CORNED BEEF.** Bs. As.

Corned Beef in 20lb, 30lb, and 50lb  
barrels—barrels free per lb... 0 8

Corned Mutton in 20lb, 30lb, and  
50lb barrels—barrels free, per lb... 0 10

Corned Ox-tongues, 12lb in a barrel,  
per barrel ... ... ... ... 9 0

Smoked Ox-tongues, 6lb in a tin, per  
barrel ... ... ... ... 5 0

**SPICED & HUNTER'S BEEF.** Spiced &  
Hunter's Beef—Rounds  
and Hams, weighing 4 to 14 lbs,  
packed in tin and laid 6 tins in  
a case, per lb ... ... ... ... 0 14

**DAIRY BUTTER.** Best Quality Dairy Butter (slightly  
salted) in 20lb barrels—per barrel 16 0

**TERMS CASH WITH ORDER.** Solo Export Agent for three of the Best  
Indian Manufacturers.

**N.B.—** Good Show Rooms for displaying  
Samples of CHINESE CURIOS,  
CANE GOODS, SILKS, &c., &c.  
Consignments received.

**JAMES LINTON,** 2, Sudder Lane,  
CALCUTTA.

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## SANTAL-MIDY.

The pure Extract of Santal obtained by Midy's process from the  
best Myro wood.

**SANTAL-MIDY** entirely different  
from the common Santal oil on the  
market. It is superior to Copal, Cuban,  
injurious, and free from all bad  
smell or other inconveniences.

**SANTAL-MIDY** cures all de-  
formities of the urinary organs in either sex  
in 48 hours.

**SANTAL-MIDY** is contained  
in small round  
Capsules, each of which  
contains the name ... (Midy)  
in black letters, without  
which none are genuine.

**SANTAL-MIDY** Beware of  
imitations. All other Capsules or mixtures  
contain impurities, resins, oils,  
etc., and are worse than useless.

**SANTAL-MIDY** is sold by all  
druggists and  
medicine dealers through the  
world.

**PARIS:** B. B. Tivionne, 8.

For Sale by A. WATSON & Co., Chemists.

**WASHING BOOKS.** (In English and Chinese.)

**WATKINSON'S BOOKS**, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now  
be had at this Office.—Price, 2s. each.

**CHINA MAIL OFFICE.**

## Mails.

## U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

## Mails

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP  
AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

## (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

## S&amp;A ..... Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1895.

## Victoria ..... Tuesday, Jan. 22/95.

## Tacoma ..... Tuesday, Feb. 26/95.

## S&amp;A ..... Tuesday, March 19/95.

## Victoria ..... Tuesday, April 9/95.

## S&amp;A ..... Saturday, Dec. 29, at daylight.

Kobe, Inland Sea and  
Yokohama) ...

## City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki, Jan. 16,

## Kobe, Inland Sea, at daylight.

City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and  
YOKOHAMA, WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6,

## at daylight.

## Yokohama) ...

Parcels must be sent to our Office with  
address marked in full by 5 p.m., on the  
day previous to sailing.For further information as to Passage or  
Freight, apply toDODWELL, CARILL & CO.,  
Agents.

## Hongkong, December 12, 1894. 2019

## Entertainments.

## THEATRE ROYAL,

## DEC. 26TH.

MISS ELSIE ADAIR,  
THE AMERICAN DANCER,  
A Monster Programme:

## NEW SONGS,

## NEW DANCES,

## NEW COMEDIES.

## Box Play at ROBINSON'S MUSIC STORE.

## PRICES AS USUAL.

## Hongkong, December 26, 1894. 2022

## 10-day's Advertisements.

## THE COMING SENSATION.

## THE EVER BRIGHT &amp; GLORIOUS,

## A THING OF BEAUTY,

## AND A JOY FOR EVER.

## R

## RETURN OF THE EVER POPULAR

## D'ARC'S

## FANTOCHES FRANCAISES,

## (MARIONETTES),

## WHO WILL OPEN

## TODAY

## (BOXING DAY).

## IN THEIR

## NEW BIJOU THEATRE,

## (Specially erected regardless of cost)

## ON THE

## NEW PRAYA RECLAMATION.

## The Building will be entirely of Timber,

## thus ensuring

## WARMTH and COMFORT.

## NEW DECORATIONS,

## COZY PRIVATE BOXES,

## BRILLIANTLY ILLUMINATED

## BY ELECTRIC LIGHT.

## D'ARC'S FAMOUS SHOW

## Has Considerably Added to its Glories

## BY NEW HARLEQUINADE,

## NEW SONGS,

## NEW DANCES,

## AND

## NEW SCENERY—

## Just landed from London, from the brush

## of the Eminent Scenic Artist

## ALEXANDER HART.

## Neither Expense nor Trouble will be

## spared to make

## D'ARC'S MARIONETTES

## in their

## BIJOU THEATRE'

## The Premier Place of Amusement during

## Good Old

## CHRISTMAS TIME.

## Misses E. N. &amp; M. D'ARC, Sole Proprietors.

## W. D'ARC, Stage Manager.

## LAURENCE PHILLIPS, Musical Director.

## E. O. CLIFFORD, General Manager.

## POPULAR PRICES:—

## Private Boxes (per seat)... \$2.00

## Stalls ..... 1.50

## 2nd Class ..... 1.00

## Gallery ..... 0.80

## Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of

## H.M. Army and Navy half-price to all

## classes except Private Boxes.

## SEPARATE PLACE FOR CHINESE LADIES.

## PLAN WEDNESDAY

## AT THE BIJOU THEATRE OFFICE.

## BOOK EARLY.

## Hongkong, December 26, 1894. 2023

## SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## S. S. BRECONSHIRE

## FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, &amp;

## LONDON AND STRASBOURG

## PORTS.

## THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON AND LIVERPOOL.

## AND ATLANTIC &amp; OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

## VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Oceania (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and  
Yokohama) ...

## Saturday, Jan. 26, 1895, at daylight.

Kobe, Inland Sea, and  
Honolulu) ...

## BIRTHS.

On the 16th Inst., at No. 38 Settlement, Kowloon, the Wife of HERMAN TROTZIG, of a Daughter.

At the Hollies, Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, on the 21st Inst., the Wife of R. E. Teke, of a Daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

On the 20th December, at the Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., E. B. Storror, Manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, to Kira, eldest daughter of J. HENNINGSEN, Esq., Manager of the Great Northern Telegraph Company.

## DIED.

At his residence, "Eldiwel," on Christmas day, CHRISTIAN FRIEDRICH KAPP, aged 54 years.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (Thursday), the 27th inst., and pass the Monument at 5 p.m. Friends are invited to attend.

*For the publication of this issue commence at 5.30 p.m.*

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1894.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The P. & S. S. Ship from Tacoma to Hongkong, via Japan ports, has arrived at Yokohama Dec. 13, and left thence for this port Dec. 16.

The M. & Co.'s steamship *Natal*, with the FRENCH MAIL of 23rd November left Saigon on Sunday, the 27th Dec., at midnight, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 27th Dec. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 17th October.

The P. & S. Lightning, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. Ceylon left Bombay for this port on the 22nd instant.

Snow has been falling heavily in Western Shantung.

Courts Yamagata is said to be recovering from the illness which compelled him to give up his command in Manchuria.

The P. & O. S. N. Company's s.s. Java left Singapore for this port yesterday at 6 a.m.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Orestes* left Singapore on 23rd inst., and is expected here on or about the 30th inst.

The steamer *Arrax*, from Bombay and Ports of call, left Singapore on the 25th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 2nd proximo.

The American Presbyterian Mission has authorised the expenditure of \$1,500 in famine relief along the northern coast of Shantung.

VICEROY Chang Chin-tung is advertising for advice from natives or foreigners upon "How to stem the tide of Japanese success." He has issued a proclamation that anyone who has any special ideas on strategy or unique knowledge of tactics, will, under present circumstances with the Japanese at the very door, be especially welcome to him. Whether obtained from foreign sources or otherwise, he does not care, if only they are practicable and may be turned to the advantage of China. Here is a chance for the military faddist.

Two large fires occurred at Shanghai on the 20th and 21st inst. Almost the whole of the insurance losses fall upon foreign companies, the Hongkong Fire being interested only to a small extent.

The Consul here, writes the Wochow correspondent of the N.-C. Daily News, has sent in a representation to the Taotai, but has, we hear, at the same time told him that all ladies' passports are withdrawn and any found travelling outside the port limits are to be brought back by soldiers!

As will be seen from our advertising columns, Miss Elsie Adair, supported by Mr Walter Vanderlip and a strong company of amateurs, gives a performance in the City Hall to-night. Seats have been largely booked in all parts of the Theatre, and there promises to be a very large audience.

On the 16th December, a mild outbreak of cholera was reported in the French camp at Chantaboon. Quarantine had been established at Saigon against all vessels arriving from Chantaboon. Two deaths which occurred amongst the French marines, were attributed to gross carelessness on the part of the deceased.

MARCEL Monnier, the celebrated African explorer, is at present on a visit to Saigon. He will also visit Pocompong and Bangkok, before starting on a long journey through Tonkin, China and Siberia. Prince Henri D'Orleans is visiting the principal ports of Tonkin prior to commencing his travel in Yunnan.

Yet another French customs station pillaged by pirates in Annam and an agent killed. A telegram to Le Courier d'Hainan of the 19th inst., announces that in the course of the previous week, Mr Regard, receiver of customs at Quang-mai, had been killed by pirates and his station burned down. Details were not to hand, but M. Larosiere, principal controller of customs, had gone to Quang-mai immediately on receipt of intelligence to make enquiries.

To-night the D'Ar Maristes give their opening performances at the Bijou Theatre on the Praya Reclamation near the Cricket Ground. The excellence of the Maristes show is so well known that it is almost superfluous to commend it to the public, but it should be remembered that the Company has received augmentations of beautiful scenery and dresses, besides new dialogues from home, all of which will enhance the popularity of the Maristes during their stay in Hongkong at this fine season.

The Electric Light Department at Bangkok has been coming in for a considerable amount of criticism of late.

The Cotton Spinners' Union of Japan is agitating for the abolition of the import duty on cotton. A petition will be presented to the next Diet.

The O. & O. s.s. Oceanic, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 4th Inst., and Honolulu the 11th, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port this morning, via Nagasaki.

The P. & M. s.s. City of Peking, with mails, &c., which left hence Nov. 25th for San Francisco, via Nagasaki, Kobe, Island Sea and Yokohama, arrived at her destination on the 22nd instant.

Writing from Tientsin on the 12th inst., a correspondent of the N.-C. Daily News says:—The Chinese are still leaving for the south by the last steamers, while others are pressing into the French and English settlements, wherever possible.

The steamers Diamond and Nanshan, which have been purchased by Japanese, have been rechristened the Matsuyama-maru and Seito-maru respectively. The Douglas steamer *Fokken* has gone to Japan "on approval," and will probably soon be added to the list of British steamers transferred to the Japanese flag. It is a peculiar feature of the present war, that China should be transferring all her ships to foreign flags whereas the Japanese continue to increase their mercantile marine.

The ladies committee, which carried out the arrangements for the presentation of a copy of the New Testament to the Empress Dowager as a birthday gift, have received presents in return from the Empress Dowager. Mrs Richard and Mrs Fitch each receives one piece of silk, one piece of satin, two handkerchiefs in case, one set of embroidery requisites (watch case, tobacco pouch, &c., &c.). Each of the other twenty ladies receives one handkerchief in box, one piece of crimp.

A SEOUL correspondent of the Mercury announces the death of Dr. W. J. Hall, of the American Methodist Mission. Dr. Hall went to Ping-yang soon after the battle there, to comfort and do what he could for the Native Christians. The Japanese military authorities kindly gave him every facility in their power and he spent a month in the city. He contracted fever, however, and on the return to Seoul suffered much exposure. Arrived at his home he developed typhus fever and died in six days, on the 24th November.

VICE-ROY Chang Chin-tung is advertising for advice from natives or foreigners upon "How to stem the tide of Japanese success." He has issued a proclamation that anyone who has any special ideas on strategy or unique knowledge of tactics, will, under present circumstances with the Japanese at the very door, be especially welcome to him. Whether obtained from foreign sources or otherwise, he does not care, if only they are practicable and may be turned to the advantage of China. Here is a chance for the military faddist.

The falling off in the way of visitors was most marked here and could scarcely be accounted for by the idea that they were now able to enjoy elbow room. The many other attractions of the evening (Organ Recital, &c.) may have influenced the attendance a little, but everything seemed to accentuate the absence of Lady Robinson, who so kindly and earnestly made this and kindred institutions her special care.

GENERAL MERCER, the Minister for War, has introduced a bill punishing with death treason and espionage on the part of officers and men of the French army. The German Embassy, in consequence of repeated attacks by the Press, announced officially that the German government had no dealings whatever with Capt Dreyfus.

London, 25th December, 1894.  
ADMIRAL TING RETAINS COMMAND OF THE FLEET.

The Times correspondent in Tientsin wires that Admiral Ting, by an Imperial edict, retains command of the Chinese fleet, the foreign officers of the fleet having declared the charges against him to be unjust and unfounded, and that they would resign if Admiral Ting were punished.

CHINA AND THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

The sincerity of China in the present peace parleys and negotiations is strongly doubted in official circles in Tokio.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL.

Lord Randolph Churchill is suffering from an attack of general paralysis; his condition is highly critical.

GREAT FIRE AT FATSHAN.

Following closely in the wake of a train of disastrous fires occurring in San Chow, Shek Ki, and Fong Tsoo, says the Chinese *Mu* (*Wu-Tzu Fa Po*), another great fire broke out in Fatshan between three and four o'clock on the morning of the 24th instant. A large number of houses were burned down. The fire originated in a bamboo-hut shop, and owing to the highly inflammable nature of the materials it quickly communicated to the surrounding buildings. In spite of the combined efforts of the many pumps brought into requisition on the spot, the fire was not fairly under until day-break. As great stocks of goods are generally stored in the different shops at the end of the year, the damage done was considerable.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

(Special to the "Shanghai Mercury")

PEKING UNDER MILITARY RULE.

Peking, December 18, 5 p.m.—Peking is now under military rule, and soldiers are closely guarding all the Foreign Legations. Chinese troops are patrolling the streets and every precaution is being made to keep order. There are sixty tents, each containing a number of soldiers, pitched near and around the Foreign Legations.

CAPTURE OF A VESSEL BY THE JAPANESE.

Yokohama, December 19, 5.30 p.m.—A Japanese cruiser whilst outside Wei-hai-wei captured a sailing-vessel loaded with arms, ammunition, and provisions. These were addressed to Admiral Ting.

MARSHAL YAMAGATA APPOINTED INSPECTOR-

GENERAL OF THE ARMY.

Yokohama, December 19, 7 p.m.—Marshal Yamagata has returned to Japan from the front. He has resigned his position as President of the Privy Council and has been appointed Inspector-General of the Japanese Army.

THE SUCCESSION OF SHENG.

Tientsin, Dec. 13.—To-day, H.E. Wong took over the Commandants seals from Sheng Taotai, at the Commandants Taotai's Yamen. The proceedings partook of the usual formal ceremony.

THE WEATHER.

To-day there has been a southerly wind, and the weather has been dull, with a slight fall of snow, making it damp and cold.

ARRIVALS IN PORT.

The following steamers are here, and which are about to leave for your ports: Li-hsin (Fung-shih), Pecking, and N.W. wharf.

## MR BANGSTER'S ORGAN RECITAL.

The second Organ Recital on Christmas Eve was very successful. The Cathedral choir attended, dressed and surpliced, they looked well and sang well, especially the lady members of the choir, whose voices rang out charmingly in the Christmas Carols.

There is no doubt that since ladies have joined the choir the services have vastly improved and the keen interest taken by them in their choral and devotional work is deserving of the highest praise. Notably their regular attendance at the Cathedral Services from the commencement and the able manner in which they render their assistance. The names of the lady members of the choir are:—

(Deacon) Mrs E. W. Mitchell, Mrs Harris, Mrs Denison, Mrs George Grimble and Miss Lammet.

(Conductor) Miss Etel, Miss Murice Etel, Miss Stone and Miss Bain.

The programme was a light one, assisted as was the choir. The water music of Niels Gade's Crusaders was fresh and brilliant, showing off the limpid quality of the Great Organ Flutes. Dussek's Andante was somewhat heavy, but the March Solemnelle by Gounod was grand and impressive. Mackenzie's beauitifully worked out theme, arranged for the Organ from the Violin and Piano forte pieces, was simply lovely, every note having a charm.

There was a good attendance, and H. E. the Governor, who appears to take a great interest in these functions, was present.

The following, as already noticed, formed the programme:—

EXTRACTS FROM THE "CAUSSESSES" ...Niel Gade.

(Water Music).

(Pilgrim's March).

ANTEPARTUM ...Dussek.

JOHANN LUDWIG DUSSEK, born at Cracow, Bohemia, 1760; died 1812. A Pianist of the highest rank.

MARCH SOLEMNELLE ...Gounod.

(Conductor) for Full Orchestra.

BENEDICTION ...Mackenzie.

(From the Violin and Piano forte pieces).

LAISSEZ FAIRE ...Kierkegaard.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS by the Cathedral Choir.

## CRICKET.

SCOTLAND v. THE WORLD.

This match was played yesterday and today. Neither side was as well represented as was expected, and play was anything but brilliant. Batting first on Christmas Day, the Scotsmen compiled 143, four batsmen being responsible for almost the whole score. This did not seem to be a formidable total for the World's team to face, but the men shaped so badly that they were out twice in a remarkably short time for 47 and 63, the Scotsmen thus winning by 13 runs and an innings. Scores:—

SCOTLAND v. THE WORLD.

## Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of two papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements of the same paper and the same date. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books.

The sender of a Registered Article for a Union Country may obtain an acknowledgement of delivery on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces except to Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Congo Free State, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Greece, Guatemala, Hawaii, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Persia, Porto, Portugal, Roumania, Salvador, Sardinia, Spain, Switzerland, Tunis, The Argentine Republic, The Dominic Republic, The Republic of Honduras, United States, to which places 12 oz. (350 grammes) is the limit, and must not exceed these dimensions: 12 inches by 8 inches by 4 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union. The Union may be taken to comprise all civilised countries except Cape Colony.

Postage to the United Kingdom. Letters, 10 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. Post Cards, 3 cents each. Registration, 10 cents. Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

Postage to Union Countries. General Rates, by any route:— Letters, 10 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. Post Cards, 4 cents each. Reply Post Cards, 8 cents each. Registration, 10 cents. Newspapers, 2 cents per 2 oz. Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on registered correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries. Cape Colony.—Letters, 20; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5 per 2 oz.

LOCAL POSTAGE. General Local Rates for Hongkong, Macao, China, Korea, Japan, North Borneo, Siam, Straits Settlements, Cochinchina, Tonquin, and the Philippines:— Letters per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 5 cents (e). Post Cards, each, 1 cent. Reply Post Cards, 2 cents each. Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents. Newspapers and Price Current, 2 each per 2 oz. Registration, 5 cents.

(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 2 cents.

Local Delivery. 1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any work day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day. In Town (Ship Street to Bonham Strand, West, up to level of Robinson Road) at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. In the Suburbs, 9 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract mail.

2. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office un stamped the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

3. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster-General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes or Jewellery, and, where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO EXCUSES INTO ALLEGED LOSSES OF SUCH LETTERS.

It is forbidden to insert in ordinary or Registered Correspondence (a) Current Coin (b) Articles liable to Customs Duty.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom. Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet via Gibraltar. No parcel is sent with the Overland Mail via Brindisi. Parcels therefore arrive in London about eight days after than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 25 cents per lb., or 20 cents each succeeding lb. or fraction of a lb., which includes Registration fees, and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs dues. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mail, liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as band-boxes, are prohibited. No parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$200. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addresses are requested to observe, that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb. The Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via Gibraltar.

\* N.B.—These rates are now under consideration.

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Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article. The Post Office is not legally responsible for the sole delivery of Registered corre-

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2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps as here-to-for.

3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2 ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs, &c., must be under 4 ounces each in weight. heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c., may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster-General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

5. Addresses must be complete. That is to say, on such covers as are not addressed to heads of business must be added. Incompletely addressed covers will be returned to the sender for address.

envelope, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster-General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of posting.

4. That the Postmaster-General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Post administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the contents of registered covers which have reached their destinations. Nor on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

Misent or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been missent or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, Sent to \_\_\_\_\_, or Received at \_\_\_\_\_, or as the case may be, and forward it, without any delay.

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4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.

6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

*Exclusives of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.*

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commanding from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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